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THE CIRCUIT JUDGE'S RACE

The most important and most vital election to the people of Powell County is that of Circuit Judge. For thirteen years Powell County has had as Circuit Judge, a man of exceptional ability, and recognized, throughout the state as one of the best, if not the best, judge in the state, whose decisions have been affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, and who, we are told, has been reversed less frequently, by the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, than any other judge in the state. Is not this something for Powell to boast of? He has been fair, impartial and fearless as a judge, and his one aim has been to honestly and correctly construe and interpret the laws and have them enforced. Should he not be commended for this? He is a hard working student, and handles the business of the court with dispatch, so as to keep his docket cleaned up, and is a money saving judge to the taxpayers of Powell County. Should we not be grateful for this?

Since he has been on the bench, he has made the lawless inclined to fear the strong arm of the law, and has been a terror to the evil doer, corruptionist and law break and to-day by reason of this judge, Powell County enjoys a reputation, second to none in this state, as a law abiding and law respecting community. To-day Judge Benton stands as the champion of clean and honest elections, and is determined to break up vote buying and vote selling, and his stand on this question is known nation wide. Is there any law abiding, respectable christian citizen of Powell County who is opposed to Judge Benton on account of this stand? But it is this very plank in his platform that has brought about the opposition to him.

Mr. Shackelford has no following in this county, but there are some who will vote for him, yet they will do so, not because they are for him, but because they are opposed to Judge Benton. And why they are opposed to Judge Benton? They acknowledge his ability and qualifications and all that we have said about him herein, so then the real reason of a great majority of those who are opposing him, when boiled down is that he stands for the enforcement of the law and for the breaking up of election corruption, bribery, vote buying and selling. Is the good citizenship of Powell County willing for its vote to go against a man who stands for, and represents, such principle as does Judge Benton? Is he to be sacrificed because he has had the courage to announce that these vicious practices must stop? If he were defeated, would we ever again have a candidate for Circuit Judge conduct his canvass on such a platform and in such a high toned, honorable, manly way as Judge Benton is running this race? Would we ever again

have one who would have the courage to announce that his platform was the enforcement of the law and the annihilation of election corruption, we all know that if Judge Benton were defeated, no man would ever again offer for office upon such a platform, and we know that if he is elected, as he undoubtedly will be by an overwhelming majority in all four of the counties, that it spells everlasting defeat and oblivion to the election boulder and corruptionist.

From the reports we get we are satisfied that Judge Benton will carry Clark, Jessamine and Madison, and we know that the good citizenship of Powell will turn this county over to him by a good majority, yet it behooves every law abiding citizen to be at the polls on election day bright and early and see that none but legal votes are cast.

We understand that in Clark and the other counties of the district, and also in this, the good citizens, in the various precincts, have volunteered to take concerted action to be on the watch from now until election day to see that no vote buying or election corruption is practiced and have agreed to give the information they secure to the Commonwealth's attorney and the grand jury. We heartily approve of this method of eradicating this festering sore, from our body politic and the man who is willing to feed such a festering corrupting, demoralizing, degrading practice should be dealt with to the limit of the law, and we know that the good people of Powell County will do their duty. Powell County is for the man who has the courage to oppose vote buying and vote selling, and it will so register its vote August 7th. Remember, that a vote against Judge Benton, whether you intend it that way or not, is a vote to stop the fight he is waging against election corruption. We know, and you know, that if Judge Benton had not had the courage to announce, two years ago, that he intended to break up, and had not put the President of the Clark County National Bank in jail, because he refused to answer questions propounded to him by the grand jury, there would to-day be practically no opposition to him. Mr. Hampton, the President of the Clark County National Bank, was kept in jail until he was willing to answer the questions of the grand jury, after which two of his friends, to whom he had furnished money to be used in his nephew's election, were indicted and fined, whereupon Mr. Hampton got mad, and is now doing all in his power to defeat Judge Benton. Will Powell County help him do it? Never! Never! Therefore, up good people of Powell and see to it that Judge Benton receives the biggest majority Powell has ever given him, and with his election, the death knell to elec-

STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Mrs. Thomas, of Jacksonville, Fla., is visiting her parents, Major Blackburn and wife.

Miss Bettie Hardwick is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Anna Sewell and Mrs. Mollie Crawford, at Jackson.

Judge Shackelford spoke to a very small crowd at the Court House Tuesday.

Of the number of cases examined in Stanton for hookworm, only twelve were found. This is a small percentage compared to other places.

Rev. J. C. Hanley and Mrs. Hanley and Miss Carver have returned from their vacation visits to their homes.

Mrs. McCreary, the mother of Mrs. Ranson is quite sick at this writing.

Miss Bettie Boone has returned from a two weeks visit to friends in Cannel City and Irvine.

The writer will attend and take part in the Morgan County Sunday School convention at Pekin Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Tennie Derickson has so far recovered from her operation as to be able to walk around, and she attended the convention at Rosslyn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewen and son Ebben had a very narrow escape Sunday when one of the rubber tires on their buggy broke loose and frightened the mule they were driving. Robert finally brought it to a stop after running quite a distance.

The writer unintentionally failed to tell of the marriage of Mr. Tom Conlee and Miss Lyda Anderson last week.

Quite a number from Stanton attended the County Sunday School Convention at Rosslyn Saturday and Sunday. We had a fine convention and the people of Rosslyn provided two splendid basket dinners for visitors. Mr. Clint Rose had the misfortune to lose a pocketbook containing \$50, at the convention. Buford Estes and Miss Blount were re-elected President and Secretary, with Grant Hackworth as Vice President. Clay City was selected as the meeting place for next year.

It is rumored that money is being sent in and used in the Circuit Judge's race. And the shame of it is that there are men who are so low that they can be bought; but the man who buys is no better than the man who sells. May the day speedily come when character and manhood cannot be bought for filthy lucre.

Corruption, is sounded and woe to the man who tries to resurrect the corpse. Then let us shout together:

Sound ye the loud tymbals
O'er land and o'er sea
Clean elections have triumphed
By Honest Voters' Decree.

To the Republican Voters of Powell and Estill Counties.

Your attention is invited to the following affidavit of Mr. I. S. Farmer, who is a member of Powell county's Republican Committee, and whom I have known for a number of years, and whose standing and reputation as an upright citizen I have never heard questioned.

STATE OF KENTUCKY } SCT
COUNTY OF POWELL }

The affiant, I. S. Farmer, states that he has been informed that there is being circulated in this and Estill county an instrument of writing purporting to be an affidavit signed by this affiant and others and containing substantially the following:

"We, the undersigned, endorse Mr. Stewart for Representative, and do not and have never endorsed any other candidate."

The affiant further states that he has never knowingly signed such an affidavit, and that if such an affidavit exists it either a forgery so far as his name thereto is concerned, or else his signature was obtained through misrepresentation and fraud.

(Signed) I. S. FARMER.

I, G. S. Spurlock, Justice of the Peace of the 5th Magisterial District of Powell County, certify that the above affidavit has been read by me in full to I. S. Farmer, who has subscribed and sworn to the same before me this July 10th, 1915.

(Signed) G. S. Spurlock.

Justice Peace Powell County, Ky.

This affidavit would indicate that what at first appeared to be, and really should be, a friendly and fair contest within the Republican party in this district for the nomination for Representative, has resolved itself into a campaign of misrepresentation and deception.

The apparent intent of the so-called affidavit endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Stewart, copies of which, I understand, have been mailed broadcast to the voters of Estill county, was to make it appear that certain letters from Mr. Farmer to a number of Estill county Republicans urging them to support me were not genuine. I believe that this affidavit will enable you to understand the character of the campaign that is being waged by one of the other candidates in this race.

Mr. Farmer happens to be one of my supporters in this contest, and I have not felt that it was necessary to put him or any of my other friends under oath as to their loyalty. I am perfectly willing to risk them. We intend to make an absolutely clean campaign ourselves and shall not, in any way misrepresent either of the other two gentlemen in this race, or attempt to deceive the voters in any way. We are old-fashioned enough to think that CLEAN politics is GOOD politics, and we do not believe that the Republicans of this district endorse or will stand for any other kind. If it is necessary in order to get this nomination for me to resort to a campaign of misrepresentation and political trickery, I do not want it. The price is too high. It is of more importance to me to maintain my reputation for truth, honor and square dealings than to win this nomination, and if it should become necessary to sacrifice one or the other it will certainly be the latter.

I have not made or attempted to make, any deals or combinations with any candidate for any other office, but am submitting my claims upon any merit I may possess, for the consideration of an intelligent and thoughtful electorate.

Respectfully,

E. B. McGLONE.

Man Killed at Natural Bridge

Munro Patton, of Wolfe county, was fatally shot Sunday afternoon by Floyd Bryant, of near Glencairn. The shooting occurred in the tunnel at Natural Bridge, after a dispute, it is said, over the possession of a pistol. Only one shot took effect, the bullet going in one side of the head and coming out the other. Dr. Knox was summoned to attend the wounded man, and the sheriff was called to arrest Bryant and his two companions. Coroner S.

V. Larison was also called to hold an inquest. The three men gave themselves up to Deputy Sheriff Derickson and were placed in Stanton jail to await their examining trial.

It was at first reported that the men had refused to allow anyone to come in the tunnel where the body was, but this statement is not borne out, as section foreman McIntosh and several others were there and doing what they could for the injured man, who did not die for some hours.